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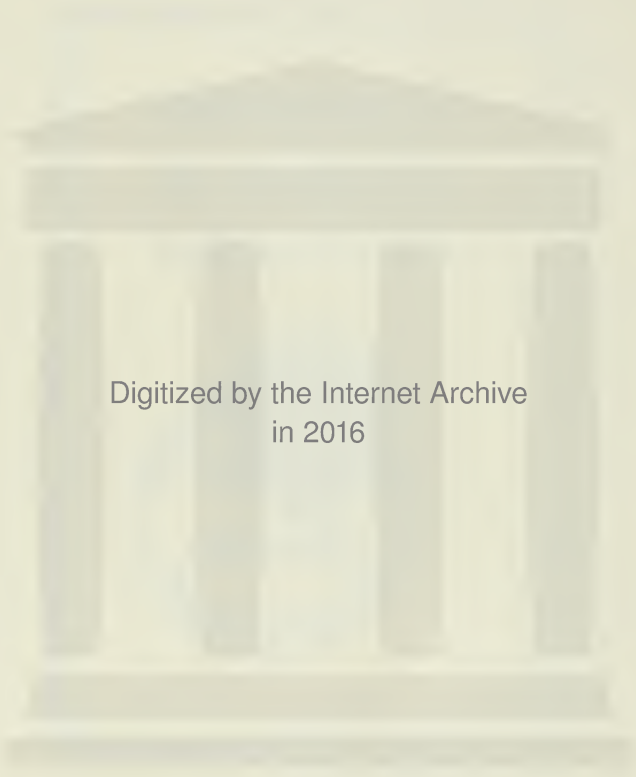

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Biography

JOHN JACOB RILEY was born on a farm near Orangeburg, S.C., February 1, 1895; attended the public schools in Orangeburg County and Orangeburg (S.C.) High School; was graduated from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., in 1915; taught in the Orangeburg city schools 1915–1917, and at Clemson (S.C.) Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1917 and 1918; during the First World War served in the United States Navy as a seaman, second class, and as a yeoman, third class, in 1918 and 1919; engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Sumter, S.C., 1919–1945; secretary of a building and loan association 1923–1945; delegate to Democratic State conventions 1928–1944; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth and Eightieth Congresses (January 3, 1945–January 3, 1949); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1948; elected to the 82d and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1951, until his death at Surfside, near Myrtle Beach, S.C., January 1, 1962; interment in Sumter Cemetery, Sumter, S.C.

Proceedings
in the
House of Representatives

Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *January 10, 1962.*

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 489

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

MONDAY, *January 15, 1962.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

S. RES. 240

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, late a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Remarks by Representative McMillan

Of South Carolina

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, we were all shocked and distressed to learn of the passing of the late Congressman JOHN RILEY who has represented South Carolina's Second Congressional District for the past 15 years. Congressman RILEY was loved by every person in South Carolina and I am certain every Member of Congress who was privileged with his acquaintance.

He was a gentleman under all conditions and at all times regardless of the pressure, trials, and tribulations he was called on to bear during hearings when some of the largest appropriation bills ever enacted by the Congress of the United States were being considered. Congressman RILEY was firm in his conviction, quiet, deliberate, and a deep thinker. He enjoyed a wonderful reputation in the business world as well as in the legislative field.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of meeting hundreds of Congressmen and Senators in the 23 years I have been a Member of the House of Representatives and I have never met a more genial Christian gentleman than JOHN RILEY. He and his wonderful wife, Corinne, and two children were very close in their family ties.

JOHN, as he was affectionately known by all his colleagues, was when his health permitted regular in his attendance at committee meetings and was always on the floor of the House when legislation was under consideration.

The world is certainly a better place for all of us to live in because of JOHN RILEY's having lived among us for 66 years. I shall personally miss him as a friend and a person whom I could discuss my most intimate problems with at all times.

JOHN JACOB RILEY

The Second Congressional District, South Carolina, and the Nation have suffered a great loss because of the passing of JOHN RILEY, as his shoes will be hard to fill on the House Appropriations Committee and in the National House of Representatives.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Riley and her two fine children.

Remarks by Representative Rivers

Of South Carolina

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, those of us who knew JOHN RILEY loved him. JOHN RILEY was a good Christian, an effective legislator, a soft-spoken and dedicated American. He loved to help people, and people loved to help him. I guess nobody in the history of the district which our late colleague represented had ever been more loved than was JOHN RILEY.

He worked hard in the American Legion and in his beloved South Carolina among the youth of his constituency; long before he came to Congress, he was one of the organizers of the Little League and American Legion Junior League baseball. He discovered the baseball player whose name is known to many of you, Bobby Richardson of the New York Yankees.

JOHN RILEY was a great American, and the day of his passing was a sad day for us all. He will long be remembered because of his character. He was too busy with the everyday tenor of life to think of himself.

> But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
> Too full for sound and foam,
> When that which drew from out the boundless deep
> Turns again home.

He is gone. JOHN RILEY has met his Maker; no one will be more fondly remembered because the life he lived and the things he did qualified him to meet his Maker. We will miss him because JOHN RILEY will be missed by everybody. To his loved ones I extend my sympathy and my hope they may be consoled by the knowledge that the Nation grieves with them.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, JOHN RILEY was one of the very finest men that it has ever been my privilege to know. He was a true gentleman. In all the years that I knew JOHN RILEY, I cannot recall one instance where he lost his temper or was in the least bit impatient or irritable. He was remarkably balanced. His patience and consideration was radiated to those around him and those of us who knew him intimately. I will remember the time JOHN RILEY left a subcommittee meeting of the Appropriations Committee and came up to the floor of this House to ask me about a matter pertaining to my district. He said the subcommittee would follow his recommendation and he wanted to know how I felt and then he went immediately back to the waiting subcommittee. This was typical of the consideration, kindness, courtesy, and good manners exemplified by JOHN RILEY. He thought of others. His life was dedicated to others. From the time of his youth he was always doing things for the betterment of his community, county, State, and Nation.

JOHN RILEY worked quietly but effectively in the defense of our great country. He believed in a strong national defense. He believed that the best way to preserve peace and to prevent war was to be strong. He was truly a statesman who gave his country his utmost during a time of critical need. The whole Nation can be grateful for his stanch, unostentatious service on the great Appropriations Committee. Yes, indeed, the entire free world can be thankful for his successful efforts to make the United States truly the arsenal of democracy and the heart and core of freedom everywhere.

JOHN RILEY fought for States rights, local government, and individual liberty in the tradition of the early Founding Fathers of this Republic. JOHN RILEY had confidence in the citizen. He believed the citizen could govern best at the local

and State level with a minimum of Federal interference. JOHN RILEY believed in a sound dollar, a balanced budget, and fiscal responsibility. The overwhelming majority of the people of South Carolina and of his congressional district stood behind him in his defense of those principles and ideals that made him great.

JOHN RILEY was a man of great moral character. His moral character and ideals were based and founded upon his devotion to Christianity. JOHN RILEY was a devout Christian. I feel that this House is a better House because JOHN RILEY served here. I know that I am a better American because I knew and associated with JOHN RILEY. He will be greatly missed, but his spirit and example will live on in the lives of all of us.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in my deepest sympathy to his lovely widow and his two splendid, outstanding children.

Mr. Speaker, the following article by Frank Van Der Linden, a distinguished Washington correspondent, is an eloquent and fitting tribute to our late beloved colleague and friend, JOHN J. RILEY:

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RILEY'S DEATH IS LOSS TO NATION AS WELL AS TO STATE

(By Frank Van Der Linden)

WASHINGTON.—The American people will never know how much they owe to a small group of dedicated Congressmen, one of whom was JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina, who died January 1.

RILEY had served for 11 years on the House Appropriations Committee. As a member of its Defense Subcommittee, he spent many months out of every year at closed hearings, studying the budget requests for billions of dollars in expenditures for national security. He heard the Nation's foremost military men tell their highly classified plans for defense against a possible attack by the Soviets, their projects for highly secret weapons, their proposals for strengthening national security against the Communist threat.

Five days a week, starting in January, RILEY and the other subcommittee members would leave their offices, walk over to their hearing room in the Capitol and conduct the budget sessions, often staying there until dark. They would take breaks for important votes on the House floor, then resume their work, and

return to their offices late in the day to perform their other chores as Representatives of their districts.

FILLED TWO JOBS

So, RILEY filled two jobs, as a Congressman from the Second South Carolina District, and an Appropriations Committee member charged with the duty of providing funds for an adequate defense. It is no wonder his health finally gave way and he died of a heart attack, at his beach cottage at age 66.

RILEY also insisted that the military men must spend the money wisely, with the least possible waste. On one occasion, he successfully demanded that they use standardized plans for Army barracks, rather than paying costly fees for custom-designed buildings. He brought to Congress the commonsense of a businessman from a small town, Sumter, S.C., who knew that tax dollars come not from trees, but from the pockets of hard-working Americans.

JOHN RILEY never claimed to be a professional politician. He had successfully managed a real estate and insurance business for 25 years before he was sent to Congress in 1944. He lost his seat in 1948 to a young liberal Hugo S. Sims, Jr., of Orangeburg who was the "baby" of the 81st Congress at age 27. Two years later, however, RILEY beat Sims and won the seat back permanently. Thereafter, the Congressman, a conservative, States' rights Democrat, was rarely even challenged for reelection, and in his few contests, he won without a hard struggle.

"INDEFATIGABLE WORKER"

As he built up seniority, RILEY moved up the ladder of the Appropriations Committee until he became one of its senior members and an expert on the huge Federal budget which will reach a peacetime peak of $93 billion in fiscal 1963.

Chairman Clarence Cannon, of Missouri, lamenting RILEY'S death, said of him: "He was one of the older and most valuable men on the Appropriations Committee and occupied positions of most importance on subcommittees for many years. He was an indefatigable worker and was depended on for much of the detail and processing of appropriations bills. He rendered special service for provisions of national defense, which for particular reasons could not be publicly discussed."

RILEY never revealed any of the secrets entrusted to him in the appropriations hearings, not even to close friends off the record. He never sought publicity, seldom made a speech, and therefore did not become famous. Only his colleagues in Congress realized how conscientiously he worked for the benefit of the American people. He was truly one of the unsung heroes of Congress, to whom the Nation owes a debt it can never repay.

Remarks by Representative Hemphill

Of South Carolina

Mr. HEMPHILL. Mr. Speaker, I join the dean of our delegation and our other colleagues here in paying tribute to a wonderful friend and a great South Carolinian, JOHN JACOB RILEY, a statesman, citizen, leader, and friend. I suppose we could use different phraseology to characterize his service and the magnificent impact of his life. I think of such words as dedicated—serious—tolerant—democratic—beloved—soul of integrity—learned. I could use many more; suffice it to say he was a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word.

JOHN RILEY never talked about his religion—he lived his religion. One had only to know him to know that he was a Christian and that Christian principles guided his life. He lived a life of love, which is the noblest of purposes and there come to my mind all the things that JOHN RILEY exhibited by the life he led—love for his God and for his country, love for his wonderful family, love and affection for his friends, love for his work, love for the youth with whom and for whom he worked so hard, love of sports of every kind, love of a fight, and love of the right.

In business, JOHN RILEY was a successful businessman and, no doubt, had he continued in his business career instead of coming to the Congress of the United States, he could have accumulated great wealth and could have been one of the most successful businessmen in the State. Instead, he gave his time and his talent for his Nation, his State, and its people. How fortunate we are that he was a man of such purpose and such integrity.

At his funeral in his hometown of Sumter, the great and the small gathered to pay tribute to him and to do honor to a great life and to a great and good man. The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor and other State officials were pres-

ent. Four past Governors, including two U.S. Senators and our entire congressional delegation, as well as State legislative delegations from each of the counties he represented, were present. Townspeople and friends from far and near were there. They all came to do him honor because he had done honor and exemplified honor to all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, a great and good man has walked among us. Let us all be thankful for his life and let us be grateful that we knew him.

I know he has passed from the vale of mortal life, but I like to think of him as living and existing among us because of the influence he had on the lives of all who knew him. I am reminded of a short poem by James Whitcomb Riley entitled "He Is Not Dead":

HE IS NOT DEAD

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For an oldtime step, and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away.

The world is a better place to live in because JOHN RILEY lived. May others like him rise to inspire succeeding generations.

To his beloved wife, who toiled nobly beside him here, and elsewhere, to his family he loved so much, to his legion of friends, our continuing sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Ashmore

Of South Carolina

Mr. ASHMORE. Mr. Speaker, the sorrow we experience in the passing of our friends is often difficult to endure. Such sorrow is measured by our affection for them, and when I learned that the Great Master had called our kindhearted, generous, distinguished, able, and beloved colleague, JOHN RILEY, from his labors on this earth, I was stricken with sincere grief.

Every Member of this body loved JOHN RILEY, because he was above all else a Christian gentleman and a true and trustworthy friend. It is difficult for me to find appropriate words to express myself about one so beloved and respected, so devoted to the performance of his official duties, and so determined to serve his constituency and his fellow man. JOHN RILEY was a true nobleman, noble in thought, in purpose, and in action, and appreciated these qualities in other people. His conception of nobility has been clearly expressed in these words:

> Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
> 'Tis only noble to be good,
> Kind hearts are more than coronets,
> And simple faith than Norman blood.

I did not have the privilege of knowing JOHN RILEY, except by reputation, until I was sworn in as a Member of this body in June 1953. As the years passed I was drawn closer to him by ties of association and friendship. He was a man who gave the most careful thought and consideration to every piece of legislation. He received a real joy from the service he rendered his country. It was his sincere desire and purpose to cast an intelligent and conscientious vote on every occasion, and when he determined what was best for his country he was not to be deterred by pressure groups or any

other self-seeking interest. He had the courage and the willpower to do what he believed to be best at all times, irrespective of political consequences.

This distinguished and patriotic South Carolinian served on the House Committee on Appropriations with outstanding ability for many years. JOHN RILEY was a sound and practical businessman whose judgment and wisdom were of incalculable value to his colleagues of the Committee on Appropriations and the entire House membership. His wise counsel and clear thinking no doubt saved large sums of money for the taxpayers of this country. He was temperate in all things, and never an extremist. He practiced this philosophy at all times and under all circumstances. He possessed many fine traits of character, but his absolute honesty and dependability endeared him to all men.

JOHN RILEY was not only a man experienced in the business world but he was also a former professor at Clemson College, South Carolina. It has been many years since he taught school, but he never lost his love for young people. He was always an active Legionnaire and gave much of his time and talent to the American Legion junior baseball program. He had great success while in charge of this program in the State of South Carolina. It was near the end of the 1st session of the 87th Congress when this fine American made a great speech on the floor of the House in support of the Peace Corps. Many Members who felt impelled to vote against the creation of the Peace Corps were constrained to admit that his speech in behalf of the young men and women of this country was one of the strongest and most forceful arguments made during the first session of this Congress. His remarks were convincing because they gave sincere expression to his abiding faith in America's young men and women.

As a father, teacher, businessman, legislator, and Christian gentleman, JOHN RILEY had a tremendous influence on people in all walks of life. His family and loved ones can take solace

in the fact that he died in the service of his country and that he was one of those—

> Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
> Men who possess opinions and a will;
> Men who have honor, who will not lie.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of personal loss that I join in this last tribute to my good friend and beloved colleague, the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina. I say personal not only because he was a close friend of mine but because he represented the district in which my wife was born and reared. Many of her relatives knew him by his first name. He was a great South Carolinian and a great American. He was a Christian gentleman and an outstanding Member of this House.

JOHN RILEY brought to his work in the House of Representatives a background ranging from teaching to varied business interests. He used this experience to the Nation's advantage in his distinguished service on the House Committee on Appropriations, gaining a reputation as a knowledgeable and competent legislator.

All those who knew him respected and admired him for his ability and his devotion to public service. He worked constantly in behalf of his district, his party, and his Nation, never failing to offer his best to this service which meant so much to him.

Our Nation has lost a tireless worker in the cause of justice and freedom. The people of South Carolina's Second District have lost an able and influential Representative. We, his colleagues, have lost a wise and trusted comrade and a good friend. I know I speak for us all when I offer to the Riley family our heartfelt sympathies for their loss, the loss of a kind and good man, and a great colleague and an outstanding American.

Remarks by Representative Cannon

Of Missouri

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I join the South Carolina delegation in paying tribute to my good friend JOHN RILEY.

He was a man of many talents and contributed immeasurably to the work of the committee and the House, and he assisted in national defense to an extent few realized.

He died as he would have liked to die—dramatically in full possession of all his exceptional powers on his way back to participate in the opening of the session.

I once heard a very wise man say that no man was truly educated—regardless of how many degrees and academic honors he received—until he had taught himself. Certainly, judged by that criterion, JOHN RILEY was a learned and erudite man. He taught in the local schools and was a college professor. And most notable of all he taught the Boy Scouts—one of the greatest community services that can be rendered—in his post of the American Legion.

It will be difficult to fill his place on the committee. And it will be impossible to fill his place in the hearts of those who knew him.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, as we begin a new session, we who served with him are saddened by the sudden death a few weeks ago of our valued friend, JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina.

JOHN RILEY for many years served with outstanding distinction the people of his district in the Halls of Congress. The sincere, dedicated service he rendered reflected great credit upon his family and his district.

JOHN RILEY intensely loved America. He showed this on many occasions, particularly as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, where he was a bulwark of strength in maintaining a powerful national defense, and on the domestic level in the field of public works in particular, many of which were directed to the national defense of our country.

We who served with him will always remember JOHN RILEY for his gentleness and his kindness, for he was always a gentleman. A legislator of determined spirit in the performance of his duties, but in connection with his fellow men he was humble, kind, and considerate. These qualities, and his nobility of character, endeared JOHN RILEY to all of his colleagues.

JOHN RILEY and I were close friends. I valued very much the friendship that existed between us. His service in this body and the nobleminded qualities JOHN RILEY possessed leave to his loved ones a great source of consolation in their bereavement.

I extend to Mrs. Riley and her son and daughter my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Taber

Of New York

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, JOHN RILEY came here in the height of the depression. He took hold immediately with the work of this committee, and in the Committee on Appropriations he was devoted to his work. He was one of those Members who worked hard enough at the job so that he knew what they had been holding hearings on, and he took part in those hearings in a very intelligent and effective manner. He was the type of man who could not be bulldozed; he could not be led astray when he made up his mind as to what was the right thing to do. He was a quiet man, a gentleman; at the same time he had the absolute courage of his convictions and did a real good, effective job on the floor of the House. I wish to extend to Mrs. Riley and the family my sincere and deep sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Boggs

Of Louisiana

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join in the tributes which have been paid to our former colleague, JOHN RILEY. It was my good fortune to serve with him many years ago on the Committee on Banking and Currency before he assumed his position on the Committee on Appropriations. He served on that committee at a difficult time during the war years, and immediately subsequent thereto, when legislation of great controversy was being considered. I, under those circumstances, got to know JOHN RILEY very well. He impressed me as being a man of great courage, a man of principle, to which he subscribed, and which he lived up to. He was also a reasonable man. This was a committee where one was subject to persuasion when he became acquainted with the economic facts which were presented to the committee. JOHN RILEY was a man who was open to reason and logical in his approach to problems. I think this House will miss his wise counsel and his devotion to duty, and I personally shall miss his warm friendship and affection. I, too, join in extending sympathies to his wife and to his family.

Remarks by Representative Natcher

Of Kentucky

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, I join with the many friends of JOHN J. RILEY in expressing my sorrow at his untimely passing.

I subscribe to every tribute which has been paid him by the Members of the House and especially by the members of our Committee on Appropriations.

JOHN J. RILEY represented the finest as a gentleman and as a true statesman. He was kind, considerate, able, industrious, sincere, and courageous. The State of South Carolina suffered a great loss in the death of this outstanding Representative.

I join in expressing my sincere sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends.

Remarks by Representative Santangelo

Of New York

Mr. SANTANGELO. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from South Carolina in expressing sorrow in the passing of our colleague on the Committee on Appropriations, JOHN J. RILEY.

Mr. Speaker, I subscribe to the sentiments expressed by the Members of the House, especially those on the Appropriations Committee, in regard to his contributions to the welfare of our country and to the defense of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, JOHN J. RILEY was a gentleman. He was always pleasant and friendly. He truly represented the fine qualities of a gentleman and statesman.

Mr. Speaker, he has rendered a great service to his constituents, his State, and his Nation. The State of South Carolina has suffered a grievous loss in the death of this outstanding Representative. Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife and the members of his family and his many friends throughout the country.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in paying tribute to our departed colleague, JOHN RILEY. I express my sincere sympathy to my colleagues from South Carolina in this great loss which they have sustained, and which we share with them.

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened when I learned of the untimely passing of JOHN RILEY. I had a high regard and great affection for him. It was a great privilege to have JOHN RILEY as a friend, and he always had a pleasant greeting when we met. He was an outstanding Member of this House, able, conscientious, sincere, and devoted to his duties.

The passing of JOHN RILEY is a great loss, not alone to his district and the State of South Carolina, but to the entire Nation. We need more men like him in public life today.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my deep personal sympathy to the widow and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Boland

Of Massachusetts

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, the deep sense of sorrow expressed by the South Carolina delegation over the death of our beloved colleague, Congressman JOHN RILEY, is shared by all who knew him or who came in contact with him.

Mr. Speaker, since I knew him intimately, the grief of his friends is my grief. I served with him on the Committee on Appropriations, and particularly the Subcommittee on Public Works. He was quiet, tremendously efficient, and tirelessly devoted to his committee work. He personified to the fullest and finest that symbol of cordiality and gentlemanness that is the hallmark of people from the South.

Mr. Speaker, he was an able legislator; he was a good and great man who has now passed from our midst. I know he has left an indelible impression upon this Chamber and the hearts and minds of all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I join with his colleagues from South Carolina and all the Members of this Congress in expressing my deepest sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Kornegay

Of North Carolina

Mr. KORNEGAY. Mr. Speaker, I did not have the privilege of knowing Congressman JOHN JACOB RILEY very long or very intimately; however, I recall so pleasantly his cordiality to me, as a freshman Member of the House. He was eager to help and put at ease a new Member in every way. He was a fine and seasoned Representative, and I held him in very high regard. His presence will be missed in the House, and his many friends and colleagues will mourn his passing. As one who was the grateful recipient of his consistent kindness and cordiality, I should like to join in conveying to his family my deepest sympathy and regret over his passing.

Remarks by Representative Gary

Of Virginia

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, JOHN RILEY was a noble soul. He made a great record in the Congress.

I had the privilege of serving with him on the Appropriations Committee, and I found him to be an exceptionally able and distinguished legislator. He possessed wisdom, judgment, and courage, which made him an outstanding Representative of his district, State, and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I deem it a privilege to join the many friends of JOHN RILEY on the floor of the House today in paying to him the well-deserved tribute which has been voiced here, and I extend to his family my heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Whitener

Of North Carolina

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Speaker, the passing of a colleague is always a sad occasion. At this time as we take note of the loss of JOHN J. RILEY I feel particularly moved because he was one of the finest gentlemen with whom it had been my pleasure to associate.

JOHN J. RILEY possessed the personal attributes which mark a man as a leader. He was of strong Christian character, outstanding ability, and dedicated to the fundamental principles which have made America strong. His quality of mind and his strength of character were recognized and appreciated by all who knew him. His quiet manner was attractive and pleasing but was never mistaken for weakness or lack of aggressiveness in his advocacy of the principles in which he believed.

Just a few weeks before his passing I was privileged to be with him in Columbia, S.C., where I had been invited to speak to one of the outstanding civic clubs. Our late colleague had come from his home in Sumter to be present at this meeting to introduce me to his friends and constituents with whom we were meeting. The graciousness of his welcome and the warmth of the reception which I received because of his presence at this gathering will be indelibly carved upon my memory. I shall always remember this occasion because it was the last opportunity that I had to spend some time with this great man whom I admired so much.

JOHN RILEY had served the people of his community, State, and Nation in many capacities. In each capacity he served them well. As a teacher and athletic coach in the public schools of South Carolina he made a great contribution to the young people who were privileged to receive his instruction. As a member of the U.S. Navy during World War I

he made an outstanding record during time of military conflict. Following World War I and until his untimely passing he had been interested and active in veterans' affairs because of his desire to serve those with whom he had fought. His activity in the American Legion and the Forty and Eight brought many honors to him in recognition of his untiring interest in his fellow veterans. It was in the American Legion activities that he maintained a continuing interest in young people and because of this interest was one of the leading Legionnaires in South Carolina in promoting the American Legion junior baseball program.

JOHN RILEY served his community in other civic endeavors, including his work as president of the chamber of commerce of his city and of the Rotary Club of Sumter.

As a graduate of one of the outstanding educational institutions of the South, Wofford College, he reflected great credit upon that institution where he had earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. His interest in the advancement of the college continued throughout his life, and it is said that his service as president of the alumni association of the college was one of the brightest years that the association has enjoyed.

This wonderful man was also interested in the religious life of his community. His devotion to the affairs of his church, and to Christian activities generally, fully measured up to the outstanding performance that he gave to every worthwhile activity. His devotion to God was such that I know that as he experienced illness a few months ago he was able to have the feeling that he loved today and could face tomorrow unafraid.

Mr. Speaker, I have never known a more devoted family than we saw in the Riley family. His wonderful wife of 45 years, affectionately known as "Miss Corinne," and the two fine children born of that union have sustained a great loss which evokes from each of us deepest sentiments of sympathy. However, the deep sense of loss which they must feel should be infinitesimal when compared to the great sense

of pride which they must have in the life and works of their departed husband and father.

I express to the family and innumerable friends of our distinguished departed colleague, JOHN J. RILEY, the most profound sympathy of my family in the sad experience which they are now having.

Remarks by Representative Mahon

Of Texas

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, it was my great privilege to serve for many years with our colleague JOHN RILEY. I have never known a more devoted or conscientious public servant. He was interested in the welfare of his people and in the general welfare of the Nation. He was especially interested in the defense of our country and in the preservation of our liberties and traditions. His work on the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations was outstanding. It was an honor and privilege to work on the same team with this great man, this Christian gentleman.

It was a great shock to all of us to lose JOHN RILEY. I join my colleagues in paying tribute to his memory and in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Riley and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the death of JOHN JACOB RILEY marks the passing of a true gentleman and effective legislator. His strict attention to his duties made him a most valuable Member of the Congress. He gave great strength to the South Carolina delegation and added prestige to the dignity of our body.

He was deeply interested as a veteran in veteran affairs. As a civic leader he spearheaded many programs at the local level.

He enjoyed the friendship of everyone and wielded great influence in party matters.

The people of the Nation and South Carolina have lost a loyal, patriotic, and dedicated public servant. We have lost a revered colleague and friend. We of the Illinois delegation extend to his dear wife, Corinne, and children our heartfelt condolences.

Remarks by Representative Weaver

Of Nebraska

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, all of us who serve in the House were, I know, greatly distressed and shocked by the news of the passing of our good friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina.

I had grown to know and respect JOHN RILEY during my service with him on the Committee on Appropriations and more particularly through our service together on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations. Those who have served with him on this subcommittee know of the long hours of hard and dedicated work which JOHN RILEY put in.

I can say from personal experience and observation that he was a most knowledgeable Member of the House, that he understood the problems faced by our Nation in preparing and building its defense forces against communism. He had a grasp of the immediate and pressing problems of each of the armed services which enabled him to penetrate below the surface and come at once to the heart of any problem under discussion.

Mr. RILEY began his adult career as a schoolteacher in his native South Carolina, but this career was broken off by the advent of World War I. He served during that first world conflict in the U.S. Navy.

After the war Mr. RILEY became a Sumter businessman and developed quickly into a leading figure in the business community of that city. He played a leading role, as well, in civic affairs and it was only natural for his fellow citizens to turn to him for election to the Congress.

Since coming to the Congress Mr. RILEY had served without fanfare but with distinction and great dedication.

A good and fine man has been taken from our midst, and the people of South Carolina and the Nation have lost a well-

balanced, able, and effective public servant. Those of us who have served with him here have lost a good friend.

Mrs. Weaver joins me in expressing our deep sympathy to his wife and family at their great and unexpected loss.

Remarks by Representative Passman

Of Louisiana

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, having had the privilege of serving on the House Appropriations Committee with JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina, I am in a position to say most sincerely that no one ever served closely with him who did not have high regard and warm affection for him, and who was not impressed with the genuineness of his dedication to duty. His service to his district and State and to our Nation was of enduring and outstanding quality. He will be greatly missed, not only in the Committee on Appropriations, but in the overall work and deliberations of the Congress.

I join with my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, in paying tribute to the memory of JOHN RILEY, a man of great devotion to his country and his constituency, who could not be swayed from his high ideals. My deepest sympathy goes to his family in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, it is always a sad occasion when a man of JOHN JACOB RILEY'S stamp and purpose leaves us.

To those of us who had the privilege to work with and to affectionately know JOHN RILEY there is no replacement.

A perusal of his biography is enough to acquaint us with the fact that JOHN'S was the honest life, the useful life, the unselfish life, cleansed by devotion to an ideal.

JOHN RILEY came to Congress after an outstanding career in his own community. His work in his church, his fraternal life, and as head of boys work in the Sumter Post of the American Legion is only part of his record, a legacy beyond price to those in his family he leaves here. I wish to join my colleagues in extending our sincere sympathies to Mrs. Riley, his son, and his daughter.

Remarks by Representative Spence

Of Kentucky

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, Hon. JOHN J. RILEY served in the 79th and 80th Congresses as a member of the Banking and Currency Committee. He was a diligent, capable, and hard-working member of that committee, and he had the respect, the confidence, and the friendship of all its members. We missed his fine service and his good judgment when he was subsequently assigned to the Committee on Appropriations, on which committee he had been a distinguished and influential member for many years. JOHN RILEY was a genial, a kind, and clever gentleman. He was a devoted public servant. He had a high concept of his duty to his constituents, to his State, and to his country. He was held in respect and confidence by his constituents, and I am confident he could have remained in Congress as long as he desired. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with him. His many good qualities and faithful service will long remain as an inspiration to his colleagues.

Remarks by Representative Jensen

Of Iowa

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in all that has been said about our deceased friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN RILEY.

JOHN was one of the most kindly gentlemen I have ever known.

To know JOHN RILEY was to love and respect him. His soft-spoken manner was almost like music. He practiced being a friend to man. An able legislator, a patriotic American of the highest order, JOHN RILEY was indeed one of God's noblemen.

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a sad experience to return to this 2d session of the 87th Congress to find that so many of our good and respected colleagues have been called to their eternal reward during the few months that we were away from these hallowed Halls.

Of all of those who have gone on to be numbered among the constituency of the blest I find that the loss of JOHN RILEY strikes closest to home since our friendship—and it was a warm one—dated back to almost the day that I came to Congress in 1947. Perhaps it was our close affiliation in the matter of conservative legislation that brought us together although I am inclined to believe that it was our late colleague's uniformly sunny disposition and unfailing gentlemanly conduct that drew me to him. In any event, he was a steady and sturdy defender of what he considered to be fair and equitable, and I know from conversations with admiring constituents of his that they considered themselves most ably represented by this dedicated legislator.

In the extracurricular phase of our relationship we had a great deal in common through our active participation in the work of the American Legion. A veteran of the First World War, JOHN RILEY carried into his peacetime avocations the same devoted sense of duty that impelled him throughout his tour of duty with the Navy and which marked that period as preparation for the congressional assignment just relinquished to answer that higher call that must come to all of us.

As we mourn the absence of this genial colleague and comrade from his accustomed place we shall also earnestly petition the Almighty, in whose presence he now stands, to undergird the members of this bereaved family with His everlasting arms.

Remarks by Representative Kitchin

Of North Carolina

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, the Congress has lost a very useful and valuable Member in the passing of JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina, and the fine people of his State and district have lost one who placed their welfare and the welfare of his country above his party.

JOHN was gentle, kind, and I had great admiration for his honesty, his sincerity, and his utter lack of pretense. He had a charitable approach in all transactions with his colleagues and was a great American. We shall cherish his memory and permanently be conscious of his loss.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, son, and daughter in this their greatest loss.

Remarks by Representative McIntire

Of Maine

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, it is in deep sadness that we today recognize the great loss this House has experienced in the passing of our colleague, the Honorable JOHN RILEY from South Carolina.

I treasured an acquaintance since I first became a Member of this legislative body. His quiet, effective service is a model to all who would seek an example of one devoted to the service of his fellow man.

Mrs. McIntire joins with me in our deepest sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Mills

Of Arkansas

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked to learn of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, JOHN RILEY, of South Carolina. His untimely death saddened and shocked me as it did everyone.

I deem it a great privilege to have known JOHN RILEY for many years, and I can say without reservation that I know of no Member of Congress who was more diligent or conscientious with respect to his duties in representing his district and his Nation than was JOHN RILEY.

Through his long service in the Congress and as a member of the Appropriations Committee JOHN RILEY made great contributions with respect to the legislation before his committee and before the Congress.

I have always had great admiration for JOHN RILEY. The House of Representatives has lost a stalwart Member.

I join all of my colleagues in expressing to his surviving family and friends my deepest sympathy and condolences.

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, permit me to join with my colleagues from South Carolina and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to my friend and colleague the late Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, whose untimely death was saddening to us all.

JOHN RILEY was a fine gentleman, a true friend, an able legislator, and one who served the people of his district and his home State of South Carolina with dedication and conviction. I was privileged to work with Congressman RILEY on the Appropriations Committee for several years and found him to be a man of keen insight and determination.

He was a man of honor, and one could always depend on his word. He was reliable, responsible, and trustworthy and served as a distinguished member of the Appropriations Committee and of Congress. We shall all miss him.

Mr. Speaker, I extend an expression of sincere sympathy to Mrs. Riley and the members of his family.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Arizona

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives has lost one of its most beloved and valuable Members in the passing of the Honorable JOHN RILEY, of South Carolina. Those of us who served on the Appropriations Committee with him knew of his intense devotion to duty and his fine understanding of the problems of the Government. Any Member who knew him was aware of the fine sense of ideals, the sterling character, and the wonderful disposition which caused him to be respected and admired by us all.

I join my colleagues in extending my sympathy to his family. Their sense of loss must be lighter realizing that it is shared by so many of us.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Mississippi

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, JOHN RILEY was a quiet and courteous Member of the House who was highly respected by every Member. He rarely took the floor, but when he did speak, he was listened to because all the Members knew that he was speaking with great sincerity and from strong beliefs.

I think that JOHN RILEY's last speech on the floor was in behalf of the Peace Corps and the idealistic young men and women who make up its membership. I am sure that if he could have determined in advance what his last speech would be, it would have been one in support of hope and idealism for the future.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow on this sad occasion.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join our colleagues from South Carolina and elsewhere in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of our departed friend, JOHN J. RILEY. The news of his untimely passing, just a few days before he and Mrs. Riley were to return to Washington for the new session of Congress, came as a profound shock. I had been looking forward to working with him again in the Committee on Appropriations, as we had worked together for nearly 10 years, and it is difficult for me to realize that we will not have the benefit of his judgment and wise counsel in the future.

Service on the Committee on Appropriations is a full-time job for any Member of Congress. Hearings begin early in the year and continue until nearly the end of every session. JOHN RILEY was a faithful attendant at committee sessions and always carried a full share of the work. This necessarily kept him from participating as actively as I am sure he would like to have done in the debates that transpired on the floor from day to day. It was only when he had something to say to his colleagues, or when some bill was under consideration in which he had a special interest, that he took the floor to share his views with the Members of the House. But whenever he did participate in debate, he was heard with interest and profit because he enjoyed the respect and confidence of the membership.

Our Nation can ill afford to lose men of his stature and ability and his passing from the earthly scene will be a great loss to the people of his district, to the State of South Carolina, and to our country.

Mrs. Jonas joins me in extending sincere condolences to Mrs. Riley in her loss of a kind, considerate, and devoted husband.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to join in the eulogies for our distinguished friend, the late gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. RILEY, who passed away early this month. I had the privilege of serving with JOHN RILEY on the Committee on Appropriations for a number of years and found him to be a fine gentleman, a great American, and a highly competent legislator.

I know we all will miss JOHN RILEY. His fine widow, his daughter, and his son have my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Broomfield

Of Michigan

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, for almost 5 years as a Member of Congress, I was privileged to have across the hall from me a gentleman, a man of honor and of integrity.

Now that gentleman, the Honorable JOHN JACOB RILEY, of South Carolina, is no longer with us. Death has come to him, as it must to all of us.

Congressman RILEY will be sorely missed. I am certain that his native State of South Carolina, which he loved so dearly, will particularly feel the loss of one who dedicated his life to making its cities, its towns, its countryside a better place in which to live.

The good neighbor policy is one which too often is easy to achieve at a distance, but difficult to achieve at short range. But Congressman RILEY showed me and my staff what it means to be a good neighbor, a gracious neighbor, one who was willing to answer a question, fill a request, lend a helping hand cheerfully, efficiently, and then take the extra step of doing a little more than was necessary to make life a little better for those who first were getting their feet wet in Washington.

He was a man I was proud to know, one who performed his duties quietly and without fanfare. He had profound concern for his fellow human beings, and he turned this concern into positive action for betterment in his own community and his own State.

Few will come close to his compassion for his fellow man. In the House of Representatives where words are spoken which would be better left unsaid, where tempers have a habit of rising in the heat of debate and consideration, Congressman RILEY had the ability to remain calm and cool, to demonstrate southern hospitality at its best to his fellow Members of the House of Representatives.

JOHN JACOB RILEY

Congressman RILEY was a good neighbor in every sense of the word. His door was always open to any and all who wanted to see him. He could disagree sharply on issues, but he always left you smiling after you had seen him. He was willing to do anything in his power for another human being, no matter what his station in life, no matter how difficult or complex his problem might be.

I cannot help feeling that if there were more Congressmen RILEYS in this world, that many of the things we now regard as major problems would simply dissolve. He had the perspective to realize that charity does begin at home, not in just the dollar-and-cent sense of giving, but in the ability to give of oneself to another human being of his understanding and his wisdom.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, I was in my office when, chancing to look out of the window, I noticed the flag at half-mast. We all have had that experience, and when we are telephoning for information there runs through our minds the thought of whom of our colleagues has gone beyond the human realm. When I learned that the flag at half-mast was a tribute to the memory of JOHN RILEY there fell upon me a sense of deep personal grief.

My colleague came from South Carolina and I from Illinois. We had never served on the same committee, and in the discharge of our respective legislative duties our paths had seldom crossed. Yet I felt for JOHN RILEY a deep personal affection. To me he personified, in the highest measure, sweetness and gentleness. I cannot imagine that ever in his life he was guilty of an unkind act or that ever a word passed through his lips that was not sweetened with compassion and human understanding.

Once I had gone to see JOHN RILEY. I had received a letter from one of the Democratic ward committeemen in my district, the Honorable Claude W. B. Holman, alderman in the City Council of Chicago as well as committeeman for the fourth ward, who was interested in the doing of some small service to one who resided in Congressman RILEY'S district. I can never forget that 10 or 15 minutes in JOHN RILEY'S office. He received me as one brother would receive another. It was not a large matter, merely one of those times in the lives of all of us when we need an understanding and a friendly hand, and that hand JOHN RILEY extended.

JOHN RILEY was deep in my heart, and in his gentleness and in his sweetness I envisioned a man seeking while on earth to walk with his God.

JOHN JACOB RILEY

My district is far in the North and the district that JOHN RILEY so ably and so conscientiously represented is far in the Southland, but I would say to the members of his family, to whom humbly but most sincerely I extend my sympathy, that the grief of the Second District of South Carolina is shared in the Second District of Illinois. His life glorified the attributes of nobility that are the common heritage of all Americans, north and south, east and west.

Remarks by Representative Kirwan

Of Ohio

Mr. KIRWAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the late beloved gentleman from South Carolina, JOHN RILEY. He was indeed a very fine gentleman—quiet and reserved—but a deep thinker. We served on the Appropriations Committee together for many years. He was a loyal public servant. Just to be left with the pleasant and cherished memories of JOHN RILEY makes any man's life richer and fuller.

My deep heartfelt sympathy is extended to his good wife and children in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Kilburn

Of New York

Mr. KILBURN. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of my good friend the gentleman from South Carolina, JOHN J. RILEY. Ever since he first came to Congress we seemed to hit it off together, and when he served on the Banking and Currency Committee we became close friends. He was one of the greatest men I have known, quiet but extremely sound and patriotic. I shall miss him and extend my deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Thomas

Of Texas

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, we of the Appropriations Committee knew and respected the outstanding qualifications of JOHN RILEY by his day-to-day work. We had the privilege and pleasure of working with our distinguished colleague through many years. His level head, his common honesty, and his sterling character endeared him to all of us. His advice and clear thinking enabled this country to build our present national defense strength which the whole Nation now enjoys and stands secure.

His worth to the Nation and his great district was immeasurable. The imprint he made on the membership of the Congress will long endure. I join his family and host of friends and membership of the Congress in mourning his passing.

Remarks by Representative Haley

Of Florida

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, I, too, share the loss of my colleagues in the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, JOHN JACOB RILEY. I know this man is mourned by all who were privileged to know him. He was a man of Christian character, strong religious principles, and compassion for his fellow man.

With his passing, South Carolina has lost one of her noblest sons, the United States has lost one of her greatest citizens and servants, and we of the Congress have lost one of our most respected and most effective legislators.

JOHN RILEY loved our country and the institutions which have made us a great Nation. He fought diligently to protect our constitutional government and to preserve our States rights.

Special tribute should be paid to the friendship he gave to new Members of the Congress, for he was a personal friend and counselor to the inexperienced. I am deeply indebted to him for the many kindnesses and courtesies he extended to me since my own arrival in the Congress in 1952. I highly valued his friendship, I respected his convictions, and I admired his dedication to sound principles of government. I shall miss him.

To his widow, his daughter, and his son, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Matthews

Of Florida

Mr. MATTHEWS. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed friend, the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina. After becoming a Member of Congress 9 years ago, it was natural for me to feel a kinship with all of my colleagues from South Carolina, since my father was a native of that great State, and in my youth I had visited there at his old home area around Florence.

JOHN RILEY was typical of a true southern gentleman. He was able; effective in a quiet, dignified manner; gracious and attentive to the many duties that were his. He was one of the most friendly men I have ever known, and was never too busy to talk with one and to give encouragement to those seeking his advice and help.

We shall miss our dear friend, JOHN RILEY, and I wish to extend to his loved ones my heartfelt expression of deepest sympathy and to pray that the blessings of divine providence may be with them and guide and sustain them.

Remarks by Representative Alexander

Of North Carolina

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed friend, JOHN RILEY. JOHN RILEY was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. I knew JOHN RILEY before I ever came to this body. As a leader of the American Legion in North Carolina, I came in contact with my great friend, JOHN RILEY, there.

It should be stated, I think, that the American Legion Stadium in his home city of Sumter, S.C., was named for JOHN RILEY while he was still living—one of the highest tributes, I think, that can be paid to any man. To know JOHN RILEY was to love him. When I first came to the Congress, JOHN RILEY was one of the Members who impressed me as being most helpful to a new Member of this great body. JOHN RILEY possessed all of the great characteristics and that nobility of character that make a great man. He was humble, quiet, considerate, and wise. I had an office very near his in the New House Office Building and on many occasions would go and sit and talk with my good friend, JOHN RILEY, in regard to problems which we mutually had. As a member of the Committee on Appropriations, I came to know how courageous JOHN RILEY was. At all times, I never knew him to vote anything but his conviction on any issue regardless of the pressure that was brought to bear upon him. JOHN RILEY rendered great service, not only service to the youth of our land in the American Legion programs, but service to his community, to his State, and to the Nation. Certainly, I am going to miss him as our other colleagues have said they, too, will miss him. I join in all the tributes that have been made to him and express to his wife and other members of his immediate family, my sincere grief at their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Sikes

Of Florida

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, those who established our cherished liberty and our Government have long been gone from the scene of their labors. The great trust has descended to us through countless hands. Some of these hands—Members of this House and this generation's keepers of the trust—are almost daily dropping from among us.

One of those who carried his share of this burden stanchly and well was my good friend, the late House Member, JOHN J. RILEY, from South Carolina's Second District. On January 1, at the age of 66, he was fatally stricken by a heart attack.

As longevity is reckoned today, JOHN RILEY should have been with us for many more productive years. But who can tell when the sands of time shall run out for any man? It is hard for his family, friends, and colleagues to accept the fact of JOHN RILEY'S passing. But I think JOHN would like us to consider these words of Plutarch in our remembrance here today:

> The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.

I know that JOHN RILEY subscribed to this philosophy, for he lived it fully in the span of his allotted years.

JOHN RILEY served eight terms in Congress. He was first elected to the 79th Congress in 1945 to succeed the late H. P. Fulmer. He was a conservative in the best tradition of southern Democrats. He wanted a strong country which will endure. He wanted a balanced budget. He wanted a nation which will lead wisely and well. He wanted to contribute to the making of these, and he did so in full measure.

JOHN RILEY possessed a full measure of humility, described by Tennyson as "the highest virtue, mother of them all." He brought to this House a forthright spirit and what Virgil

called "the noblest motive * * * the public good." As a teacher in the public schools of Orangeburg, S.C., and at Clemson College, he epitomized the criterion of a scholar's utility described by Coleridge as "the number and value of the truths he has circulated, and the minds he has awakened." The deliberations of this House and the committees on which he served have often benefited from his judicious and scholarly contributions. No wideeyed dreamer was he. His experience and success in real estate and the building and loan business gave him a knowledgeable and practical approach to this Nation's economic and social problems. His dedication and espousal of an adequate military posture for this country was forged in the crucible of World War I in which he served in the U.S. Navy.

We shall miss JOHN RILEY's loyal friendship, his wise counsel, his many personal kindnesses, his clear vision, and vigorous support of the great institutions, interests, and traditions of America. I shall mourn this good man, for I was close to him and I knew him for the sterling qualities that he possessed. He was sound. He was strong. He was good for the Nation. I share the grief which is felt in overwhelming measure by his widow and family.

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THURSDAY, *January 11, 1962.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Maurer, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JOHN J. RILEY, late a Representative from the State of South Carolina, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 489) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, I submit, on behalf of the two Senators from South Carolina [Mr. Johnston and Mr. Thurmond] a resolution relative to the death of Representative JOHN J. RILEY, of South Carolina, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 240) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable JOHN J. RILEY, late a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I move that the Senate stand in adjournment until noon on Monday next, in accordance with the order previously entered, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from South Carolina, JOHN J. RILEY.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 2 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.) the Senate, under the order previously entered, adjourned until Monday, January 15, 1962, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator Thurmond

Of South Carolina

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, the nature of the spirit and the personality of Congressman JOHN J. RILEY was a clear testimony to the fact that he was an exceptional man in his devotion to the country and especially in his standards of conduct in dealing with mankind and executing the high duties of the office to which he was elected eight times by the people of my and his Second Congressional District of South Carolina. Although I had known Congressman RILEY for many years, my intimate association with him began after World War II when my service as Governor of South Carolina coincided with his second term in the Congress.

During the years since that time I watched Congressman RILEY ably represent his district, State and Nation in the Congress. I was impressed by his display of a steady hand and clear head in meeting some of the most perplexing and serious problems in the history of our Republic. His work on the House Appropriations Committee was admired by all those who are knowledgeable in the mountainous duties and grave responsibilities of this important committee. But beyond his duties on the Appropriations Committee, and earlier the Banking and Currency Committee, JOHN RILEY could always be found on the floor of Congress ready and able to support the great and sound principles of government on which this Nation was founded.

Congressman RILEY'S first consideration was always the welfare of his country. As a member of the South Carolina delegation for the past 15 years he served capably and faithfully and evidenced a deep reverence for principle in reaching decisions on the great and small issues he was called upon to consider in his record of public service. He rose to a place of high standing in the House because of his devotion to duty, high principles, personal integrity, absolute honesty, and unquestionable sincerity.

One of the most admirable traits of JOHN RILEY was his warm human kindness, sympathy for the needs and desires of others, and his intense determination to render a valuable service to his fellow man. This was indicated in part by his great interest in and service to young people in American Legion baseball and his favorite personal project, the Croswell Orphanage in his hometown of Sumter.

During his campaign he never used mass-communication methods of contacting his constituents but followed the practice of personal contact which so accurately expressed his depth of human feeling and the unpretentious nature of his personality. He was a warmhearted man who in the heat of a campaign or during the deluge of duties in Washington could always find time to visit the sick and listen patiently to the problems of those who came seeking counsel and assistance.

Few men who have served in the U.S. House of Representatives have had the good fortune to have won and held such a strong measure of devotion, respect, and confidence of their people as had JOHN RILEY. He was so beloved by his people not because he was flamboyant, possessed of great oratorical skill, or because he attended to all the small political chores necessary to keep a constituency happy and satisfied. He made his way successfully in the ofttimes turbulent practice of politics by just being himself—a man of indomitable character and sincerity.

Congressman RILEY was a devoted servant of the people of the Second District of South Carolina and, indeed, the Nation, and my heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow and children. While all of us in the Congress will miss him, their loss is the greatest because as a husband and father he adhered to principles set forth by the God in which he so deeply believed.

Remarks by Senator Johnston

Of South Carolina

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, on January 1 South Carolina's Representative JOHN JACOB RILEY passed away suddenly at his Myrtle Beach home. It is with a deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that I stand here and recall the unfortunate passing of this distinguished and able Congressman.

In this connection, I invite attention to a final testimonial editorial which appeared in the January 3 issue of the State newspaper.

For 16 years JOHN RILEY toiled in the House of Representatives, working unselfishly and unfailingly for the people of South Carolina. During that time he rendered meritorious and courageous service, and earned the respect of his colleagues.

JOHN was a practical man, with warm human qualities and a rare dedication to his district, to his State, and to his Nation. This devotion by JOHN RILEY to righteous principles and to humanity will be long remembered.

His place will be difficult to fill, and his good works will remain throughout our State and country as a lasting monument to his tireless efforts.

I ask that this editorial be printed, together with my remarks:

JOHN J. RILEY

JOHN J. RILEY was a Member of the National House of Representatives who kept the faith with the prevailing views of his constituency. It was easy for him, and inevitable, since they were his views, too.

Mr. RILEY was an unostentatious, sound, sincere, and dutiful representative of his district and of his country, and his quiet, correct, and ever-prompt services will be missed.

He had long been subject to the illness which took his life, but remained the cheerful, courteous, and serviceable public official. He was never given to boasting or blatancy and in this was distinguishable from many men in public life.

Mr. RILEY's last public appearance in Columbia was at a luncheon and at a dinner on November 28, both given in honor of James F. Byrnes. At the luncheon he made a talk in which he quoted fellow Members of the House who had served in the Congress with Mr. Byrnes, Members who spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Byrnes. Mr. RILEY appeared to be in the best of health and his intention was to offer again this year for his seat in Congress.

People all over his district, remembering his faithfulness and responsiveness and his loyalty to tradition, mourn the death of Mr. RILEY.

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